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1. NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM JULY 20 TO SEEK U.S. SUPPORT FOR COLLECTIVE APPROACH TO PORTUGAL TO PERMIT IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE CONDUCT INDEPENDENT INQUIRY OF REPORTED ATROCITIES. AMBASSADOR HAD NO DETAILS ON HOW GON VISUALIZED INVESTIGATION WOULD BE ORGANIZED OR UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES IT MIGHT BE LAUNCHED EXCEPT TO OBSERVE GON THOUGHT THAT GA RESOLUTION 2918 COULD BE JURIDICAL BASE OF PROPOSAL. AS FORESHADOWED REFTEL, HE SAID GON WAS MAKING SIMILAR APPROACH IN NUMBER OF CAPITALS INCLUDING ALL EC PLUS BERN, OSLO, OTTAWA, AND WASHINGTON.

2. IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED THAT FROM STAND-POINT OF BOTH DOMESTIC INTERESTS AND OUR RELATIONS WITH AFRICA WE NATURALLY INTERESTED IN SOLID INFORMATION ON WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE HAPPENED IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE. USG WOULD THEREFORE BE PREPARED TO LOOK AT ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. OUR ATTITUDE WOULD DEPEND HOWEVER ON THE PRECISE NATURE OF ITS TERMS AND EXTENT TO WHICH IT PREJUDGED THE SITUATION. WHILE WE STRONGLY URGE PORTUGAL TO MOVE MORE POSITIVELY IN THE DIRECTION OF SELF-DETERMINATION, NEWSOM INDICATED WE WOULD NOT WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY MOVE PUTTING PRESSURE ON PORTUGAL WHICH SEEMED TO JUDGE PORTUGAL GUILTY BEFORE ALL THE FACTS ARE KNOWN AS HAD BEEN SO OFTEN THE TENDENCY IN THE UN. NEWSOM FURTHER STRESSED THAT WE WOULD WANT TO EXAMINE CAREFULLY THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF ANY PROPOSAL ENDANGERING OUR CONTINUED COMMUNICATION WITH PORTUGAL REGARDING CHANGE IN ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES. ROGERS

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